

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022

GATES MEMORIAL HALL AT 825 15TH STREET

**PRESENT:** BOARD MEMBERS: Marty Chitty, Leanne Harter, Amici Hayek, Tom Maier **ABSENT:** Joe Anderson  
**STAFF:** Steve Gray, Trevor Arganbright, Kody Asmus, Chris deNeui, Elizabeth Gindt, Brian Schaeffer.

**1. Call to Order** at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda** Motion by Maier, second by Hayek to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4-0.

**3. Public Comment** - none

**4.1 Board Salute – Nevada PTA** The Board presented the Nevada PTA for their great work for the Schools.

**4.2 Middle School Renovation – Estes Construction** Due to illness, the representative from Estes Construction provided a written report only on the Middle School Renovation Project.

**4.3 Presentation: Youth Advocacy & Resilience Conference** Three District staff members were present to discuss what they had learned at the Youth Advocacy & Resilience Conference: Trevor Arganbright, Chris deNeui, and Elizabeth Gindt. Mr. Arganbright said the conference was to help attendees learn how to help students in the post-COVID world. Mrs. Gindt spoke of the conference which stressed humanity towards others and the Sandy Hook Promise to draw people in. This starts with “hello” and can be started anywhere to have a meaningful conversation. Mrs. Gindt said she also heard about relational capacity, parents as partners, and parental involvement. Mrs. deNeui noted that nine staff attended the conference – staff evenly between the three school buildings. Plans are to present this information at the Nevada PhD staff development at the start of the new school year. To summarize what was learned, the staff present said that relationships matter most, we want better family involvement, trauma affects people in many different ways, and the District is doing some amazing things now.

**4.4 Presentation: Preliminary FY23 Budget** Schaeffer presented the requested preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23. The official District enrollment on October 1, 2021, was 1,404 students. This enrollment is multiplied by \$7,413 per student to determine the District’s funding for 2022-23. Additional student weightings are added to the enrollment for special education and English Language Learner students. Also the General Fund has Miscellaneous Income from grants and fees. The per student multiplier was raised by 2.5% for 2022-23, the “Supplemental State Aid” amount determined by the State Legislature.

District certified enrollment dropped from 1,471 students in 2020 to 1,404 students in 2021. The number of students served, including students open enrolled in, dropped from 1,489 in 2020 to 1,452 in 2021. The loss in the certified enrollment means that the District will be using the Budget Guarantee to ensure the District’s authorized spending limit does not drop below 101% of the current year’s authorized spending limit. General Fund expenditures for Fiscal 2020-21 show that 78.6% of the District’s budget was for salaries and benefits.

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A comparison of the per student of the financial items was made for the school districts five larger and five smaller in enrollment from Nevada. These items included Unspent Balance, Cash and Investment Balance, Unassigned Fund Balance, and Solvency Ratio. This analysis showed that, except for one district, these schools were very close in the four items analyzed.

The requested tax levy for 2022-23 is as follows: General Fund \$10.50600, Management Fund \$ .50843, PPEL \$1.00000, and Debt Service \$2.69900. The total levy, \$14.71343, is 20 cents less than what was requested for the current school year. For a home valued at \$100,000, the school levy will decrease by \$44.67 for 2022-23. See item 5.5 below for approval of the Board meeting to approve the budget.

**5.1 2021-22 District Calendar – Last Day** Administration is recommending that Friday, June 3 remain as the last student day. By forgiving the two snow days, the District remains 44 instructional hours over the required minimum of 1,080 instructional hours. Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve Friday, June 3 as the last student day for the 2021-22 year. Motion Carried 4-0.

**5.2 Apprenticeship – Industrial Manufacturing Technician (Ag Emphasis)** Dr. Asmus said he has been working with the apprenticeship playbook with the Iowa Department of Labor to create a program in the District. He said that Nevada will be the first school in Iowa with an apprenticeship program with an Ag Emphasis. The program will be available to any senior who has taken ag mechanics. This student needs a flex schedule to be apprentice at ALMACO, the custom seed research equipment manufacturer in Nevada. ALMACO has agreed to apprentice at least students each year. Chitty said he welcomes a non-traditional student path in the District. He also thanked ALMACO. Motion by Harter, second by Hayek to approve the Apprenticeship Program for Industrial Manufacturing Technicians. Motion Carried 4-0

**5.3 K-5 Math Curriculum** In conjunction with the presentation of the math curriculum at the last regular Board meeting, Dr. Asmus is requesting approval to purchase the new Bridges math curriculum from The Math Learning Center. Motion by Harter to purchase the Bridges math curriculum for grades K-4 with access to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade program. Second by Hayek. Motion Carried 4-0

**5.4 Gates Auditorium Summer Maintenance** Dr. Gray reviewed a list of work to be completed on the District's Gates Hall Auditorium this summer with remaining SAVE bond funds. These improvements will cost \$158,566.80. Motion by Hayek, second by Harter to approve the Gates Hall improvements. Motion Carried 4-0

**5.5 Special Board Meeting: April 11, 2022 at noon** Full Board approval of the published budget will be at a special Board meeting on Monday, April 11. Motion by Maier, second by Hayek to approve the date and time of the Special Board Meeting for the budget. Motion Carried 4-0

**6. Consent Agenda** Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve the consent agenda items:

- Board Minutes of the meetings of March 7 and March 24
- Bills
- Appointments: Luis Lopez – Volunteer High School Soccer Coach, Megan VanSchuyver – Food Service
- Resignations: Janet Williams – Elementary Associate (end of school year)
- Settlement with the Nevada Community Education Association: 2.4% Total Package for 2022-23
- Approval of Advancement of Para Educators on Salary Schedule
- Approval of 2.4% Wage Increase all other employees
- Change Order for Middle School Renovation: For Van Mannen Electric (+\$17,090)

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- Pay Applications for Middle School Renovation: #14 for Jensen, Henkel, Van Mannen, #11 for Estes Construction
- Fundraisers: Softball – Youth Softball Clinic; Volleyball: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Skills Clinic and Summer Volleyball Camp
- Overnight Stay Request: Boys’ Golf at Dutch Masters Golf Tournament on April 15-16
- Early Grad Application upon Student’s Successful Completion of Coursework: Ramon Buenrrosto Pena at end of Term

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Motion Carried 4-0.

**7.1 Board Member Comments** - none

**7.2 Board Calendar** was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, April 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

**8. Adjournment** at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board President

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Board Secretary